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In response to the restriction requirement dated May 27, 2003, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group III, as defined by Claims 24 and 25. This election is made with traverse.

Applicants wish to express their appreciation to the Examiner for the telephone interview given to Applicants' attorney, Raymond J. Lillie, on June 5, 2003. During the interview, Mr. Lillie indicated to the Examiner that Claim 25 should have been included in Group III instead of Group II.

In response the Examiner agreed that Claim 25 should have been included in Group III. As a result, Applicants elect to prosecute Group III, which now includes Claim 24 and 25.

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